



GARRETT COUNTY 2001 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Garrett County is the western most county in the state. It ranks first in total area and second in land area (the difference being water area). Garrett is called tableland because of the plateau. The average elevation is 2,500 feet. Garrett County is bordered on the south and west by West Virginia, and on the east by Allegany County.

Garrett is truly a four seasons county with spring, cool summer, colorful fall and plenty of snow for winter. The county population of 29,846 swells with seasonal tourists.

Garrett County is basically a dairy and livestock area because of the climate, growing season, soil type and topography. It presently ranks fifth in the state in dairy production with the bulk of milk finding a Pennsylvania market.

Maple syrup production is still a unique industry of Garrett County, with 10 to 15 sugar bushes still operating.

GARRETT AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Crop	Year	Unit	Acreage Harvested	Average Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain	1999	Bu.	*	*	*
	2000		*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
Corn for Silage	1999	Tons.	*	*	*
	2000		*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
Soybeans	1999	Bu.	*	*	*
	2000		*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
Wheat	1999	Bu.	*	*	*
	2000		*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
Hay	1999	Tons.	22,200	1.7	38,800
	2000		25,000	1.9	48,000
	2001				
Barley	1999	Bu.	*	*	*
	2000		*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*

Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 2001				Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 ¹	
Corn	3	Oats	3	Cattle	4
Wheat	3	Barley	3	Hogs	15
Hay	4	Soybeans	3	Sheep	7
				Milk Cows	5 ⁵

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<i>Farm Numbers & Size</i> ¹	1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms	670	634	649
Average Size (acres)	181	175	166
Land in Farms (acres)	121,529	110,699	107,695

<i>Livestock (Number on Farms)</i> ¹	1987	1992	1997
Cattle Inventory Jan. 1	24,186	23,443	24,895
Hog Inventory Dec. 1	3,084	1,643	1,001
Sheep Inventory Jan. 1	2,357	1,719	1,341

Average Number of Milk Cows	1999	2000	2001
	5,800	5,500	

<i>Milk Production - 1,000 lbs.</i>	1999	2000	2001
	87,000	83,000	

<i>Value of Sales</i> ¹	1987	1992	1997
---- Thousand Dollars ----			
All Products	19,377	20,437	20,997
Crops	1,639	2,198	2,407
Livestock, Poultry and Poultry Products	17,738	18,240	18,590

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Unranked - Data not published.

⁴ Revised.

⁵ 2001.

* Acreage too small to publish.

MONTHLY WEATHER DATA - 2001

MONTH	AVERAGE TEMP. (F)	NORMAL 1961-1990	TOTAL RAINFALL (INCHES)	NORMAL 1961-1990
January	26.6	25.6	2.32	3.19
February	34.4	27.8	5.00	2.95
March	42.6	37.5	3.03	4.07
April	47.9	46.7	3.45	4.34
May	60.2	56.3	4.48	4.71
June	67.2	63.8	5.72	4.38
July	66.0	67.7	5.52	5.12
August	66.4	66.6	3.66	4.17
September	60.7	60.4	4.10	3.27
October	52.0	49.6	.97	3.19
November	36.3	40.1	2.58	3.64
December	21.7	30.3	2.05	3.74
Annual	48.5	47.7	42.88	46.77

Number frost free days for 2001 145

Normal frost free days 1961-1990 128

Highest temperature 06-14-00 84

Lowest temperature 01-29-00 - 10

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